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SUBJECT: PRC DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON OBTAINING DOCUMENTS  
FOR US VISA APPLICATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE  
DATE AUGUST 13 RECEIVED FROM MFA CONSULAR AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT. ACCORDING TO THE NOTE, APPLICANTS FOR  
US VISAS SHOULD NOT EXPECT TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATING  
TO BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS BY WRITING  
DIRECTLY TO DISTRICT COURTS IN THE PRC BUT SHOULD USE  
OTHER PROCEDURES.

QTE. THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA PRE-  
SENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE US LIAISON OFFICE IN  
CHINA AND HAS THE HONOR TO STATE THE FOLLOWING IN  
CONTEXT OF THE HNK-6 APPLICATION FORM CIRCULATED BY  
THE US CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG:

THE SECOND PAGE OF THE ABOVE-SAID FORM  
READS: 'SUCH DOCUMENTS . . . CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED  
BY WRITTEN REQUEST OF THOSE WHO LIVE ABROAD DIRECTLY  
ADDRESSED TO THE NOTARY OFFICE OF DISTRICT PEOPLE'S  
COURTS' AND 'CHARGES SHOULD BE PAID SIMULTANEOUSLY  
WITH THE FIRST REQUEST.'

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ACCORDING TO RELEVANT REGULATIONS OF CHINA, PEOPLE WHO LIVE OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIES OF CHINA SHOULD ASK THEIR RELATIVES OR FRIENDS THAT ARE RESIDING IN CHINA TO ACT ON THEIR BEHALF IN GETTING VARIOUS IDENTIFYING DOCUMENTS FROM THE CHINESE NOTARY OFFICES AND THAT FEES SHOULD LIKEWISE BE PAID BY THOSE AGENTS. THE NOTARY OFFICES CONCERNED WILL NOT RESPOND TO WRITTEN REQUESTS DIRECTLY ADDRESSED TO THEM BY THE APPLICANTS. IN CASE THAT AN APPLICANT WHO LIVES IN THE UNITED STATES HAS NO RELATIVE OR FRIEND WHEREVER IN CHINA, HE MAY PRESENT HIS CASE TO THE CHINESE LIAISON OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES AND FORWARD HIS REQUEST TO THE CHINESE NOTARY OFFICE CONCERNED THROUGH THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE.

THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE US LIAISON OFFICE THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QTE.

2. COMMENT: IN OUR READING, NOTE IS INFORMATIVE IN TONE AND DIFFERS MARKEDLY FROM THE CONTENTIOUS AND/OR UNCOOPERATIVE POSTURE RECENTLY DISPLAYED IN SOME OTHER CONSULAR MATTERS. IT RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO US CITIZENS OR OTHERS REQUESTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VISA APPLICATIONS BUT MERELY OFFERS INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW THESE RECORDS SHOULD BE OBTAINED. SINCE WE SEE NO POINT IN CHALLENGING THE PRC POSITION, WE SUGGEST THAT CONGEN FORM HNK-6 INSTRUCTIONS TO VISA APPLICANTS BE CHANGED TO REFLECT CHINESE WISHES. BUSH

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